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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For:

A SYSTEM AND METHOD AND ARTCLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR CREATING

A VIRTUAL CONSULTANT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed along with the filing of the application. This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/305,931 entitled A System, Method and Article of Manufacture for Creating a Virtual Consultant and filed on May 5, 1999, U.S. Application No. 09/306,468 entitled A System, Method and Article of Manufacture for Creating a Virtual Classroom and filed on May 5, 1999, U.S. Application No. 09/306,022 entitled A System, Method and Article of Manufacture for Providing Multiple Instructors on an as Needed Basis and filed on May 5, 1999, and U.S. Application 09/306,466 entitled A System, Method and Article of Manufacture for Creating Interactive Simulations Utilizing a Virtual Detector with External Control Features filed on May 5, 1999. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Office is authorized to charge such a fee to Deposit Account No. 01-0850.

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as follows: